

**AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS**

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a lighting unit including:

a light source;

a light guiding component for guiding light emitted from the light source and emanating the light from a light emanating surface to an object to be illuminated;

a reflecting component covering at least a bottom surface of the light guiding component;

a light correction component disposed on the light emanating surface of the light guiding component; and

a casing for holding the light source, the light guiding component covered with the reflecting component, and the light correction component, wherein

the casing has an opening portion in a region corresponding to a light emanating region of the light correction component,

the object to be illuminated is disposed in direct contact with an upper surface of the light correction component within the opening portion, and

a space is formed between the light guiding component and the light correction component, and

a liquid crystal panel as an object to be illuminated disposed on a light emanating surface side of the lighting unit, the liquid crystal panel having a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of transparent substrates with a liquid crystal layer interposed therebetween, wherein

the liquid crystal panel is disposed in direct contact with a front surface of the light correction component within the opening portion of the casing of the lighting unit;

the liquid crystal panel comprises a pair of polarizers with the liquid crystal cell interposed therebetween;

a polarizer on the lighting unit side of the pair of polarizers has an outer diameter smaller than an outer diameter of the opening portion of the casing, and directly contacts a front surface of the light correction component within the opening portion;

~~The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 3, wherein~~  
the casing has a frame-shaped edge portion protruding toward the opening portion so as to enclose the opening portion; and  
the liquid crystal cell is disposed on an upper surface of the edge portion.

5. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 4, wherein  
a thickness of the edge portion of the casing is substantially equal to a thickness of the polarizer on the lighting unit side.

6. (Currently amended) The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 4 [[2]],  
wherein  
the casing is made of an electrically conductive material.

7. (Currently amended) The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 4 [[2]],  
wherein

a spacing of said space formed between the light guiding component and the light correction component in the lighting unit is not larger than a dimension of each of pixels composing the liquid crystal cell.

8. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 7, wherein the spacing of the space is 0.4mm or smaller.

9. (Original) The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 7, wherein the casing has a through-hole to allow an outside of the casing and an inside of the casing to communicate with each other.

10. (Currently amended) The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 4 [[2]], wherein

- the light guiding component is a light guiding plate;
- the light source is disposed along a first end face of the light guiding plate;
- the reflecting component is a reflecting sheet;
- a bottom surface of the light guiding plate, the first end face of the light guiding plate and the light source, and a second end face of the light guiding plate on which the light source is not disposed are covered with the reflecting sheet;
- the light correction component comprises one or a plurality of light correction sheets; and
- the casing is frame-shaped and supports at least the bottom surface of the light guiding plate, the second end face of the light guiding plate, and the first end face of the light guiding plate and the light source, each of which is covered with the reflecting sheet.

11. (Previously presented) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a lighting unit comprising:

a light source;

a light guiding component for guiding light emitted from the light source and emanating the light from a light emanating surface to an object to be illuminated;

a reflecting component covering at least a bottom surface of the light guiding component;

a light correction component disposed on the light emanating surface of the light guiding component; and

a casing for holding the light source, the light guiding component covered with the reflecting component, and the light correction component, wherein

the casing has an opening portion in a region corresponding to a light emanating region of the light correction component, and

the object to be illuminated is disposed in direct contact with an upper surface of the light correction component within the opening portion; and

a liquid crystal panel as an object to be illuminated disposed on a light emanating surface side of the lighting unit, the liquid crystal panel having a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of transparent substrates with a liquid crystal layer interposed therebetween, wherein

the liquid crystal panel is disposed in direct contact with a front surface of the light correction component within the opening portion of the casing of the lighting unit,

the liquid crystal panel comprises a pair of polarizers with the liquid crystal cell interposed therebetween,

a polarizer on the lighting unit side of the pair of polarizers has an outer diameter smaller than an outer diameter of the opening portion of the casing, and directly contacts a front surface of the light correction component within the opening portion,

the casing has a frame-shaped edge portion protruding toward the opening portion so as to enclose the opening portion,

the liquid crystal cell is disposed on an upper surface of the edge portion, and

a thickness of the edge portion of the casing is substantially equal to a thickness of the polarizer on the lighting unit side.

12. (Previously presented) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a lighting unit comprising:

a light source;

a light guiding component for guiding light emitted from the light source and emanating the light from a light emanating surface to an object to be illuminated;

a reflecting component covering at least a bottom surface of the light guiding component;

a light correction component disposed on the light emanating surface of the light guiding component; and

a casing for holding the light source, the light guiding component covered with the reflecting component, and the light correction component, wherein

the casing has an opening portion in a region corresponding to a light emanating region of the light correction component, and

the object to be illuminated is disposed in direct contact with an upper surface of the light correction component within the opening portion; and

a liquid crystal panel as an object to be illuminated disposed on a light emanating surface side of the lighting unit, the liquid crystal panel having a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of transparent substrates with a liquid crystal layer interposed therebetween, wherein

the liquid crystal panel is disposed in direct contact with a front surface of the light correction component within the opening portion of the casing of the lighting unit, and the casing is made of an electrically conductive material.

13. (Previously presented) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a lighting unit comprising:

a light source;

a light guiding component for guiding light emitted from the light source and emanating the light from a light emanating surface to an object to be illuminated;

a reflecting component covering at least a bottom surface of the light guiding component;

a light correction component disposed on the light emanating surface of the light guiding component; and

a casing for holding the light source, the light guiding component covered with the reflecting component, and the light correction component, wherein

the casing has an opening portion in a region corresponding to a light emanating region of the light correction component, and

the object to be illuminated is disposed in direct contact with an upper surface of the light correction component within the opening portion; and

a liquid crystal panel as an object to be illuminated disposed on a light emanating surface side of the lighting unit, the liquid crystal panel having a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of transparent substrates with a liquid crystal layer interposed therebetween, wherein

the liquid crystal panel is disposed in direct contact with a front surface of the light correction component within the opening portion of the casing of the lighting unit, and

a spacing of a space formed between the light guiding component and the light correction component in the lighting unit is not larger than a dimension of each of pixels composing the liquid crystal cell.

14. (Previously presented) The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 13, wherein

the spacing of the space is 0.4mm or smaller.

15. (Previously presented) The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 13, wherein

the casing has a through-hole to allow an outside of the casing and an inside of the casing to communicate with each other.

16. (Previously presented) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a lighting unit comprising:

a light source;

a light guiding component for guiding light emitted from the light source and emanating the light from a light emanating surface to an object to be illuminated;

a reflecting component covering at least a bottom surface of the light guiding component;  
a light correction component disposed on the light emanating surface of the light guiding component; and

a casing for holding the light source, the light guiding component covered with the reflecting component, and the light correction component, wherein

the casing has an opening portion in a region corresponding to a light emanating region of the light correction component, and

the object to be illuminated is disposed in direct contact with an upper surface of the light correction component within the opening portion; and

a liquid crystal panel as an object to be illuminated disposed on a light emanating surface side of the lighting unit, the liquid crystal panel having a liquid crystal cell comprising a pair of transparent substrates with a liquid crystal layer interposed therebetween, wherein

the liquid crystal panel is disposed in direct contact with a front surface of the light correction component within the opening portion of the casing of the lighting unit, and

the light guiding component is a light guiding plate;

the light source is disposed along a first end face of the light guiding plate;

the reflecting component is a reflecting sheet;

a bottom surface of the light guiding plate, the first end face of the light guiding plate and the light source, and a second end face of the light guiding plate on which the light source is not disposed are covered with the reflecting sheet;

the light correction component comprises one or a plurality of light correction sheets; and



the casing is frame-shaped and supports at least the bottom surface of the light guiding plate, the second end face of the light guiding plate, and the first end face of the light guiding plate and the light source, each of which is covered with the reflecting sheet.